GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLLUTION IN WEST UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has mapped and declared Gajraula, in West Uttar Pradesh as `critically polluted` in terms of T.S.P.M. (Total Suspended Particle Matter);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are planning for a bye-pass on NH-24 (Delhi-Lucknow) to safeguard the health of citizens; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to reduce levels of T.S.P.M. in Gajraula alongwith the action planned to safeguard the life of citizens there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Based on the ambient air quality data during 1999-2001, Gajraula in Uttar Pradesh has been identified as one of the towns for formulation of Action Plan for improving air quality. Action Plan covers preparation of inventory of polluting industries and evolving sectors specific mitigation plan.

(c) There is no proposal for construction of a bye-pass on NH-24.

(d) Steps taken to reduce the level of air pollution including total Suspended Particulate Matter include:

i. Identification of air polluting industries.
ii. Setting up of requisite air pollution control facilities in polluting industries.
iii. Monitoring of ambient air quality in the area.